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Notice of Non-Responsiv Amendment

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants' submission filed June 5, 2003 has been entered.

2. The amendment filed June 5, 2003 in Paper No. 19 is acknowledged and has been entered into the record.

3. The amendment filed on June 5, 2003 would amend all claims that were originally drawn to the elected invention so that only claims drawn to a non-elected invention would remain under continued examination. Therefore, the amendment is deemed non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims, if amended would not be readable on the elected invention because the claims would be drawn to invention of Group I, according to the restriction set forth in the Office action mailed January 29, 2001 (Paper No. 7), rather than the invention of Group III, which was elected without traverse by Applicants in Paper No. 9.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen L. Rawlings, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 305-3008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony C. Caputa, Ph.D. can be reached on (703) 308-3995. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4242 for regular communications and (703) 308-4242 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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